THE FALL OF DOOM LEADS TO THE RISE OF ARMAGEDDON!

THE WILL OF DOOM

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LATVERIA. THE OUTSKIRTS OF DOOMSTADT.

GENERAL ROSS!

HERE TO BRING YOU HOME, SIR.

MUCH OBLIGED, MARINE.

BEEN IN THIS BACKWATER @#$%*$#& FAR TOO LONG.

APOLOGIES, GENERAL. COMMAND NEEDS TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE...***ALL CLEAR***...BEFORE LETTING YOU--

UNDERSTOOD, SON. I'VE BEEN ***DOOM'S*** PRISONER OF WAR.

HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE MAN WHO CAN TURN INTO A ***TWO-TON RED HULK*** ISN'T COMPROMISED.

WHAT'S THE SITUATION BACK HOME NOW THAT DOOM'S BEEN OUSTED?

WELL, WE'VE BEEN GOING NONSTOP, DOING RETRIEVAL MISSIONS SINCE HE DISAPPEARED...

...BUT FROM WHAT I'M HEARING, PEOPLE ARE UNSURE. DOOM'S REIGN ENDED SO QUICKLY, PEOPLE ARE, WELL...

...SCARED TO BE ***AMERICANS*** AGAIN.

"SCARED TO BE AMERICANS."

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD ANYTHING WORSE?

TELL ME, MARINE...

...IS WASHINGTON AWARE OF WHAT I DID DOWN THERE? PLANTING OUR FLAG?

THEY ARE, SIR.

AND DID THEY REQUEST YOU TO REMOVE IT?

THEY DID, SIR.

A... SHAME WE ENCOUNTERED ENEMY FIRE AND COULDN'T COMPLETE THE MISSION.

A REAL SHAME.

I THINK YOU'LL AGREE OUR PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE SCARED TO BE AMERICANS.

"OTHER PEOPLE SHOULD BE SCARED OF AMERICANS."

THE WILL OF DOOM

Doom's reign is over.

Victor Von Doom acquired the powers of the **Sorcerer Supreme** and instated himself as **emperor of the world**. When **Earth's heroes** learned that Doom was empowering himself by siphoning the life force of his own people, they led a resistance against him--and lost. But in the final moments of the fight, Doom's beloved goddaughter **Valeria Richards** teleported herself to the battlefield, believing she could make him see reason, and was killed by Doom's attack.

Grief-stricken, Doom negotiated with the **Living Tribunal** to save Valeria's life--in exchange for his own. Now, as the people of Earth pick up the pieces, all that remains of Victor Von Doom is his last will and testament…

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Franklin Richards

COFFEE

SECOND CUSTOMER OF THE DAY.

YOUR **BOSS** FORGOT TO TAKE HIS BLUEBERRY MUFFIN THOUGH...

GOOD LORD, KATHY, I'M SURPRISED MR. MAYOR MANAGED TO FIND THE **DOOR.** THAT MAN'S BEEN WORKING 'ROUND THE CLOCK TO GET THINGS BACK TO NORMAL AROUND HERE.

HAVE A GOOD ONE, Y'HEAR?

MARTINSON, VIRGINIA.

TRUST
N DOOM

♪

TOWN HALL

CHK CHK

TERRY!

YOU FORGOT YOUR DAMNED MUFFIN!

HOW ARE PEOPLE SUPPOSED TO TRUST A MAYOR--

--WITH MEMORY... ISSUES...?

I ASSURE YOU, WOMAN...

...MAYOR DOOM SUFFERS NO SUCH DEFICIENCIES.

NEW YORK CITY.
THE BAXTER BUILDING.

WHERE IS DOOM?!

FOUR - DOOM = $$$

STILL GOING, EH?

OPEN YOUR EY

GOTTA ADMIRE THEIR DEDICATION TO FANTASY.

I CAN'T EVEN GET THROUGH ONE 'A THEM GAME OF THRONES BOOKS...

REED SAYS IT'LL DIE DOWN OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, ACCORDING TO HIS "MATHEMATICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PREDICTIONS"...

...BUT I STILL DON'T LIKE IT, BEN. DO THEY ***REALLY*** THINK WE KILLED DOOM? FORGED HIS WILL?*

HOW COULD THEY BELIEVE SOMETHING SO CRAZY?

TO BE FAIR, JOHNNY, THEY LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE A HUNK IS MADE OF ROCKS AND A TWERP CAN LIGHT HIMSELF ON FIRE...

*IN *ONE WORLD UNDER DOOM #9*. --TOM

I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS, REED. HOW CAN IT BE LEGAL?

LATVERIAN LAW ALLOWS ASSETS TO BE OWNED BY MINORS, SUE, FREE OF ANY KIND OF TRUST REQUIREMENTS.

SO VICTOR'S ***WILL*** APPEARS TO BE LEGIT. IT SEEMS THAT...

...VALERIA IS THE SOLE HEIR TO DOOM'S ENTIRE ESTATE.

SO CAN I HAVE HER ALLOWANCE, THEN?

I'M NOT YOUR LAWYER, FRANKLIN, BUT I'D TAKE THAT CASE...

...SINCE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT EVEN DOOM'S LIQUID ASSETS TOTAL JUST OVER FIVE BILLION DOLLARS.

AND THAT'S JUST WHAT FOGGY AND I COULD FIND...

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING EVERYWHERE TO GET A FULL PICTURE OF WHAT EXACTLY DOOM OWNED. BUT, UNTIL SOMEONE APPROVES MY GOING INTO LATVERIA, I WON'T KNOW EVERYTHING...

COLE, IT'S STILL A WAR ZONE. WE CAN WAIT.

FOR NOW, WE HAVE A LIST OF TWENTY PROPERTIES AND HUNDREDS OF PATENTS. PLUS, THE LETTER HE HAD SENT TO VALERIA HERE POSTHUMOUSLY:

"NO MAN IS AN ISLAND, SAVE FOR DOOM. AND NOW, WITH THIS BOON, VALERIA RICHARDS CAN BE HER OWN ISLAND AS WELL."

I DON'T WANT IT.

I KNOW, HONEY. WE'LL FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO SOON ENOUGH.

FOGGY, COLE. APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THIS ON. APOLOGIES, BUT I NEED TO LEAVE FOR A MEETING.

NO PROBLEM, REED. WE'LL BE IN TOUCH SOON.

AND FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, VAL...

...CONGRATS ON BEING THE RICHEST KID IN THE WORLD.

SECRETARY BROOKE, I'VE BEEN CLEARED BY THE PENTAGON...

...SO I'D LIKE TO FORMALLY REQUEST MY ***DEPOWERING COLLAR*** BE REMOVED.

REQUEST DENIED, ROSS. YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY WITH THE FACT THAT WE REINSTATED YOU AS A ***GENERAL***...

...AFTER THE #$@% YOU PULLED IN LATVERIA.

PLANTING OUR FLAG? WITH ZERO AUTHORITY?

DO YOU REALIZE THE STORM OF #$@% YOU'VE CAUSED WITH US AND THE ***UNITED NATIONS?***

I WAS HIS PRISONER FOR MONTHS. AN ***AMERICAN*** PRISONER WHO HAD TO FREE MYSELF.

THE WORLD ROLLED OVER FOR DOOM, SIR. AND NOW THE WORLD NEEDS TO KNOW THAT WE'RE ***STILL HERE.*** THAT ***AMERICA*** IS STILL HERE.

AND WE ***ARE*** STILL HERE...

...BUT WE'RE NOT ***THERE.*** YOU KNOW DAMN WELL THAT FLAG DOESN'T JUST SHOW OUR RESISTANCE. IT SHOWS OUR ***OCCUPATION.***

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR...

...WHO ***ELSE*** SHOULD OCCUPY LATVERIA?

THEY'RE UNSTABLE. THERE'S ALREADY RUMBLINGS OF SOME DOOM WANNABE TAKING OVER, HUNTING DOWN HIS SECRET WEAPONS STASH.

YOU THINK WE SHOULD SIT BACK WHILE--

APOLOGIES, SECRETARY BROOKE...

...BUT MR. RICHARDS AND MR. GRIMM ARE HERE ALREADY AND THEY WERE... DRAWING A CROWD, SO--

PEOPLE LOVE MY MUG, SORRY.

SECRETARY BROOKE, IT'S A PLEASURE TO FINALLY MEET YOU.

I WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME.

I-- SORRY?

REED RICHARDS, THE BIG, PUBLIC SUPER-BRAIN. THE ***FUTURIST***--

--WHO SOMEHOW, AFTER YEARS OF DEALING WITH VICTOR VON DOOM, MANAGED TO IGNORE ALL THE SIGNS OF HIM ATTEMPTING A ***GLOBAL TAKEOVER.***

OR WORSE: SAW IT COMING AND THOUGHT HE COULD COWBOY IT HIMSELF INSTEAD OF TELLING THE AUTHORITIES.

INSTEAD OF TELLING THE ***SECRETARY OF STATE.***

HEY, PAL. ***WE'RE*** THE GUYS WHO SAVED THE PLANET FROM DOOMSY. SEVERAL TIMES IN FACT.

"PAL"? ***THIS*** IS THE PROBLEM!

YOU ALL THINK YOU'RE ABOVE THE LEGAL INSTITUTIONS OF THIS COUNTRY!

THE MOMENT YOU GET ***SUPER-POWERS,*** YOUR HEADS BLOW UP AND YOU THINK YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!

I'VE GOT A THREE-STAR GENERAL WHO SHOULD KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHAIN OF COMMAND--

--BUT HE CAN TURN INTO A BRIGHT RED ***HULK!*** THE RESULT? HE'S TRYING TO DICTATE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY!

I'M NOT DICTATING ANYTHING, SIR. JUST SUGGESTING.

WHAT, THAT FLAG STUNT? SOUNDS LIKE MORE THAN ***SUGGESTING***, ROSS...

STRONGLY SUGGESTING.

SECRETARY BROOKE, I ASSURE YOU, I DIDN'T KNOW DOOM'S PLANS UNTIL IT WAS FAR TOO LATE. WE DID EVERYTHING WE COULD TO STOP HIM. WE FOUGHT.

EVEN MY ***DAUGHTER*** WAS GRAVELY INJURED IN THE BATTLE--

BUT SHE MAGICALLY GOT BETTER, DIDN'T SHE? AND THEN INHERITED A FORTUNE.

THESE AREN'T ***NORMAL-PEOPLE*** PROBLEMS, RICHARDS...

...AND IT'S WHY NORMAL PEOPLE DON'T ***TRUST*** YOU ANYMORE.

I'D OBVIOUSLY DISAGREE. THE ***FANTASTIC FOUR*** HELP PEOPLE. WE--

SECRETARY BROOKE! I'M SORRY, BUT--

--THERE'S AN EMERGENCY!

I KNOW THIS IS ALL A LOT, HONEY, AND I KNOW YOU'RE EXTREMELY CAPABLE...

...BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR FATHER AND I ARE HERE IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT ANY OF IT.

I KNOW. THE ***WILL*** STUFF IS ACTUALLY EASY.

WHAT I'M HAVING TROUBLE WITH, WHAT'S CONFUSING TO ME...

...IS EVERYTHING ***UNCLE DOOM*** DID. HOW MANY PEOPLE HE HURT... INCLUDING ME.

AND THAT, AFTER ALL OF THAT, AFTER ALL THE PAIN AND DEVASTATION HE CAUSED...

...I STILL MISS HIM.

OH, HONEY, I--

SKAKOOM

--AND FROM THIS MOMENT ON, ***PRIME MINISTER DOOM*** WILL KEEP THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ***TRULY*** UNITED--

--INTO A BRIGHT NEW AGE--

SUE! THE WHITE HOUSE IS LOCKING DOWN! THERE'S A--

DOOMBOT UPRISING!

I KNOW! WE'RE DEALING WITH THEM IN THE CITY!

SUE! WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?

IT APPEARS THEY'RE TAKING CONTROL OF ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT!

MOM! LET ME OUT OF THIS FORCE-FIELD!

IT MUST BE SOME FAIL-SAFE OF DOOM'S!

HE WOULDN'T WANT ANY OF HIS DOOMBOTS TAKING HIS RIGHTFUL POSITION AS EARTH'S RULER--

BUT HIS EGO WOULD ALLOW...

..."MINI-RULERS" OF INDIVIDUAL FIEFDOMS...

MOM! I CAN STOP THIS!

THE DOOMBOTS ARE MY ***PROPERTY!***

IF I CAN FIND THE ***MASTER CONTROLS,*** I CAN SHUT THEM DOWN!

REED, DID YOU GET THAT?

I DID. THE MOST LOGICAL PLACE FOR THOSE CONTROLS WOULD BE LATVERIA, BUT NOBODY'S ALLOWED IN OR--

WE'LL BE CAREFUL. YOU PROTECT THE PRESIDENT...

...AND WE'LL GRAB A ***FANTASTI-CAR*** AND PUT AN END TO THIS.

OKAY. PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

HEY! CAN YOU PLEASE MAKE THIS A ***THREE-WAY*** CALL?

I LOVE YOU.

I LOVE YOU TOO.

NOW GO PROTECT DEMOCRACY.

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHICH WAY?

THEY'RE MOVING *POTUS* THROUGH THE EISENHOWER BUILDING!

WE SHOULD SECURE THE--

KRBOOM

RICHARDS!

EVERYWHERE I TURN--

--THERE YOU ARE!

AN ETERNAL RUBBERY NUISANCE!

FZAH

HN!

KRKRAH

REAL OR NOT, IT'S ALWAYS A DAMNED PLEASURE--

--SMASHIN' YER TIN F--

FSHH

GRIMM. A MASS OF UNSIGHTLY ROCK...

...WITH PINK, HUMAN *LUNGS.*

HRRRR...

=KAFF! KOFF!=

...RAH!

KLANG

KRAK

AH. GENERAL ROSS.

AN OLD MAN AT DEATH'S DOOR.

PERHAPS DOOM SHOULD ***OPEN*** IT FOR YOU.

SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA.

TONY'S DOING A GLOBAL SCAN! SO FAR HE'S COUNTED ***FIFTY DOOMBOTS*** SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, TAKING POWER!

FOCUS ON HEADS OF STATE, AVENGERS! WE CAN'T LET THEM GAIN ACCESS TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

LISTEN, BUB...

OTTAWA, CANADA.

...NOT TOO SURE HOW YOU GOT MY NUMBER, BUT THE ***X-MEN*** WILL HANDLE THIS ***OUR*** WAY.

DO NOT LISTEN TO ***WOLVERINE.*** NONE OF US DO.

WE'LL HEAD TO MOSCOW DIRECTLY AFTER THIS, CAPTAIN AMERICA.

ORORO, THIS IS SUE STORM...

...WE'RE EN ROUTE TO ***LATVERIA*** TO FIND A SOLUTION.

IF WE RUN INTO MORE THAN WE CAN HANDLE, WE'LL CALL YOU IN.

PLEASE. I CAN HANDLE WHATEVER THOSE H.E.R.B.I.E. WANNABES...

...THROW AT US.

OH MAN...

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE LOCATED EVEN MORE DOOMBOTS...

...SO LET'S MOVE CAREFULLY. I'LL KEEP US INVISIBLE.

MAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE ***ALREADY*** REBUILDING DOOM'S CASTLE.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

UNCLE DOOM WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW...

...THAT EVEN IF HE'S GONE, HIS PRESENCE IS STILL TO BE FELT.

CREEPY.

ANY LUCK WITH THE READINGS?

ALL OF HIS COMMUNICATION DEVICES USE NEGATIVE ZONE TRANSMISSIONS.

I'M NOT PICKING ANYTHING UP...

LIKE, ***ANYTHING.*** IT LOOKS LIKE THE CASTLE'S CATACOMBS HAVE BEEN PILLAGED. MAYBE BY THE WARRING FACTIONS TRYING TO REPLACE UNCLE DOOM.*

BUT I DON'T THINK THE DOOMBOT CONTROLS WERE STOLEN. I'D AT LEAST BE PICKING UP AN ENERGY TRAIL...

*SEE ***DUNGEONS OF DOOM,*** ON SALE SOON! --TOM

WELL, THERE ARE MORE SPOTS TO TRY...

...BUT THEY'RE OUTSIDE DOOMSTADT.

WHICH IS GOOD, 'CAUSE IF WE STAY HERE ANY LONGER...

...I'LL DO SOMETHING I WILL MOST ***DEFINITELY*** NOT REGRET.

LATVERIA IS A WAR ZONE! PEOPLE ARE SCARED! WE SHOULD FIND THESE "WARRING FACTIONS" AND SHUT THEM DOWN, FF STYLE!

JOHNNY...

WE'RE NOT EVEN SUPPOSED TO ***BE*** HERE. VICTOR DID WHAT HE WANTED, IGNORING THE WISHES OF COUNTRIES--OF THE ***WORLD.*** WE CAN'T DO THE SAME.

THE U.N. ARE CONVENING TO APPROVE SENDING PEACEKEEPERS. WHEN THEY CALL FOR US, WE'LL BE THERE...

...TO GIVE THEM THE BACKUP THEY NEED.

IT WOULD BE NICE TO FINALLY RID MYSELF OF YOU...

KRAK

...BUT DOOM HAS TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS PRIORITIES.

FIRST, A WORD WITH THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF YOUR UNITED STATES...

=KOFF KOFF=

I HAVE ANOTHER SUGGESTION, "DOOM":

KILL ME.

I'M SORRY?

IS THIS THE GREAT REED RICHARDS BEGGING FOR THE RELEASE OF DEATH FROM HIS BETTER?

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE BETTER THAN...

...IS MY FATHER'S FAX MACHINE.

YOU ***CAN'T*** KILL ME. THE ***REAL*** DOOM WOULDN'T ALLOW SUCH AN ACCOMPLISHMENT TO GO TO ONE OF HIS ROBOTS.

YOU IMPERTINENT--

--FOOL! DOOM DOES WHAT DOOM WISHES!

NH! TH-THEN DO IT...KILL ME...

DOOM--DOOM DOES NOT ***WISH*** TO KILL YOU! BUT...

...DOOM SHALL GIVE YOU ***EXQUISITE*** PAIN.

RAAAHH!!!

MOUNT DOOM. WHERE VICTOR APPARENTLY KEPT PRISONERS AND EXPERIMENTS...

GOTTA GIVE IT TO HIM, DOOM WAS PRETTY CONSISTENT WITH HIS BRANDING.

PETITION TO RENAME THE BAXTER BUILDING "FANTASTIC TOWER."

LET'S SEE IF HE LEFT US ANYTHING...

VAL! DON'T GO ON AHEAD WITHOUT US!

IT'S OKAY, MOM...

...IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER DEAD END.

DAMMIT, UNCLE DOOM... WHERE IS IT?

MY GOD...

...WOULD YOU LOOK AT THIS? THE ***NERVE*** OF THAT INSANE GENERAL!

THE GUY'S SINGLE-HANDEDLY TRYING TO PUT AMERICA AT WAR WITH EUROPE!

WELL, SCREW THAT. I'M TAKING THE DAMN THING DOWN.

JOHNNY, DON'T YOU DARE!

WHAT? YOU SERIOUSLY THINK THIS IS RIGHT?

WE WERE *NEVER* HERE!

BUT WE *ARE* HERE!

WE'RE NOT! YOU TAKE THAT DOWN, AND REED'S GOING TO HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO THE WHITE HOUSE...

...WHY WE ONCE AGAIN BROKE THE LAW BECAUSE WE *WANTED TO!*

BUT... BUT...

...IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO...

HE LEFT IT ALL FOR ME...

...SO WHY WOULDN'T HE TELL ME...

...WHERE--?

B-A-N-G

VAL!

<AMERICANS!>*

<THIS IS LATVERIAN LAND! HAVEN'T YOU DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE?>

BANG BANG

BUDDA BUDDA

AH!

*TRANSLATED FROM LATVERIAN.

HURK!

VAL! MY GOD, YOU--

I'M FINE, MOM. I'M--

I THOUGHT-- OH GOD, I THOUGHT--

--I THOUGHT I'D LOST YOU AGAIN...

MOM...

...I'M *OKAY.* I THINK I KNOW WHERE THE CONTROLS ARE. WE CAN GO AND--

NO! THIS IS *OVER!*

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BROUGHT YOU WITH US!

SUE...SHE'S OKAY. LET'S JUST GO AND FINISH THIS, ALL RIGHT?

EVERYONE'S COUNTING ON US.

IT'S TOO SOON! VAL CAN JUST--JUST TELL US WHERE TO GO AND WE'LL DROP HER OFF AT HOME AND--

SHE DIED, JOHNNY...SHE DIED AND I DIDN'T SAVE HER AND-- AND...

I KNOW, SIS. IT WAS HORRIBLE. I WAS THERE TOO...

...BUT WE GOTTA MOVE ON. VAL, SHE'S...***SPECIAL.*** LIKE ***US.***

WHICH MEANS SHE CAN HELP PEOPLE. AND, YEAH, THERE WILL BE RISKS...

...BUT SHE'S STRONG. SHE'S SMART. AND WE'LL PROTECT HER.

I KNOW, I JUST...IT'S OKAY FOR ***US.*** BUT MY BABIES, I...

WAIT.

VAL?

VAAAAL!!!

NNHHHH...

NO SCREAMS, RICHARDS? PITY. I EXPECTED AT LEAST SOME BEGGING.

WH-WHY WOULD I B-BEG...

...A R-ROBOT?

YOU CONTINUE TO TAUNT DOOM WITH YOUR LIES?!

WHAT SICKNESS CONSUMES YOU, RICHARDS? TO INSIST ON SUCH PAIN?

J-JUST DOING M-MY PART...

...TO GIVE M-MY BEST FRIEND A CHANCE...

...TO GET HIS BREATH BACK.

÷KOFF!÷ THEY MAKE 'EM REAL LIFELIKE THESE DAYS, EH, STRETCH?

KRKRANG

KRNCH

HN. IT APPEARS MY TOXIN NEEDS ADJUSTING FOR YOUR MONSTROUS FORM.

NHH... CAN'T BELIEVE... I'M BEIN' INSULTED...BY A TOASTER...

PEDDLE YOUR LIES ALL YOU WANT, GRIMM!

IT WOULD SEEM MY POISON HAS AT THE VERY LEAST LEFT YOU--

NYAHR!

FZZZT

--IN A DIMINISHED STATE!

WELL, RICHARDS? I HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR BRIEF RESPITE BEFORE DOOM--

--FINISHES YOU...

RICHARDS.

WAIT, YOU *WHAT?*

MOM WAS BEING TOO MUCH, FRANKLIN. YOU KNOW HOW SHE GETS...

...WHEN SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS TO ONE OF US.

VAL...YOU *DIED.*

LIKE, *"DEAD DIED."* SO, YEAH, SHE'S GOING TO BE A LITTLE *OVER-PROTECTIVE.*

I'M FINE. AND I CAN STOP THIS.

UNCLE DOOM LEFT ME A CLUE.

BUT THE STORM I'M FLYING IN DOESN'T SEEM *NATURAL,* SO HE'S STILL INTENT ON PROTECTING--

SKA-

KRAK

WHOA!

FZK

SKZX

VAL! WHAT IS IT?!

SOMETHING SHORTED OUT THE CONTROLS! EVERYTHING'S COMING APART!

TELL MOM AND DAD THE DEVICE IS ON--

KRSPLASH

RAHH!

SKRAH

RICHARDS!!!

I WILL MAKE YOU SUFFER ONE MILLION DEATHS, COWARD!

GENERAL ROSS...

HNHH...

÷KOFF, KOFF÷

NHH... RICHARDS? WHAT--?

BEN'S HURT, THE SECRET SERVICE IS TRYING TO GET THE PRESIDENT TO SAFETY...

CHK CLK

...SO WE'LL NEED MORE **STRENGTH** TO SUBDUE THIS DOOMBOT.

K-CHAK

NOT A PROBLEM.

EH? WHAT--?

YOUR MASTER IS DEAD--

--AND SO ARE YOU!

YEAH, WHAT BIG RED SAID. I'D JUST ADD...

KRTOOOOOOM

...GET THE HELL OUT OF OUR HOUSE.

KRAKOW

ALL RIGHT, THE DOOMBOT IS DOWN.

I MAY BE ABLE TO ANALYZE IT AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP--

HRRRR--

--RAH!!!

KAKAH

HRAH!!!

KRAK

RRR--

KRAK

--ARHH!!!

KRKRAH

HR...

...HR...

...HRRR.

NOW HE'S DOWN.

NHHH...

YOU'RE SAFE, CHILD...

...SAFE IN THE COMPANY OF **DOOM.**

UNCLE... UNCLE DOOM...?

IN A MANNER.

YOU FIGURED IT OUT.

YES... **DOOM ISLAND.** PREVIOUSLY YOUR OASIS FOR EXPERIMENTS, AND NOW...

...I SUPPOSE IT'S **MINE...**

IF YOU WISH IT TO BE.

THIS AND EVERYTHING I ATTAINED IS NOW YOURS, DEAR GODDAUGHTER.

AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT ALL?

I SUPPOSE I'LL SELL IT ALL AND GIVE THE MONEY AWAY.

I SUSPECTED AS MUCH, CHILD...

...BECAUSE, AS YOU AND I KNOW, ***REAL POWER*** ISN'T GIVEN...

...IT'S ***TAKEN.***

THOUGH I THINK...

...I'LL HOLD ON TO THIS ISLAND. FOR WHEN YOU COME BACK.

MAYBE A PLACE OF TRANQUILITY WILL SOOTHE YOU INTO BEING A DIFFERENT PERSON...

AND WHY WOULD DOOM...

...WISH TO BE A DIFFERENT PERSON?

DOOM IS ABSOLUTE, CHILD. A REFINED JEWEL, WITH FAULTLESS FACETS.

DOOM IS ***PERFECTION.***

BECAUSE IF YOU COULD BE A DIFFERENT PERSON...

...YOU'D STILL BE HERE WITH ME NOW...

...INSTEAD OF LOST IN A WORLD BEYOND THIS ONE.

DOOM IS WHERE HE NEEDS TO BE.

YOU SAY YOU'LL DIVEST YOURSELF OF EVERYTHING. WHO WILL YOU GIVE DOOM'S EMPIRE TO?

I'VE DECIDED TO START A CHARITY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO SUFFERED UNDER YOUR REIGN.

THE *CYNTHIA VON DOOM FUND.*

DOOM NEVER INTENDED HARM, YOUNG ONE. IT WAS YOUR ***FATHER*** AND--

I KNOW, UNCLE DOOM. I KNOW.

BUT YOU ***DID.*** AND THE WORLD NEEDS TO HEAL NOW.

GOODBYE, UNCLE DOOM.

GOODBYE, DEAR VALERIA.

YOU MADE ME PROUD EVERY SINGLE DAY.

AND YOU WILL MAKE ME PROUD ***AGAIN*** WHEN I--

TAK

I'M SORRY.

VAL!

THANK GOD!

NOT COOL, KID!

I'M SORRY--

--I HAD TO-- NH!

OH, HONEY...

YOU CAN'T--YOU CAN'T DO THINGS LIKE THAT ANYMORE! IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME--

I KNOW, MOM.

...TO SEE YOU AS NOT JUST OUR DAUGHTER...BUT AS PART OF THIS TEAM.

A HIGHLY COMPETENT MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

BUT I'M SORRY I SHUT YOU DOWN LIKE THAT. IT'S HARD FOR ME SOMETIMES...

ONE OF OUR MORE COMPETENT MEMBERS, REALLY.

GONNA ASSUME THAT WAS A BURN ON JOHNNY AND NOT YOURS TRULY...

THE CONTROLS WORKED?

THEY DID. ALL DOOMBOTS ACROSS THE PLANET SHOULD BE DEACTIVATED.

I'LL SET ABOUT DISPOSING OF THEM NOW, I GUESS.

IT'S STRANGE...

...DESTROYING THESE FEELS LIKE WIPING VICTOR AWAY COMPLETELY.

HE WAS A MONSTER, BUT THERE'S STILL A PART OF ME THAT WANTS TO HOLD ON TO HIM FOR A BIT LONGER, TO TRY TO CHANGE HIM.

I FAILED. I FEEL LIKE I HAD A LIFETIME TO MAKE HIM A BETTER MAN, TO SHOW HIM A BETTER WAY, BUT...

UNCLE DOOM WAS A FORCE OF NATURE, DAD.

THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD HAVE CHANGED "DR. DOOM"...

...WAS DOOM HIMSELF.

EPILOGUE.

GENERAL ROSS.

SECRETARY BROOKE. COME TO SLAP YOUR DAMN **COLLAR** ON ME AGAIN?

THANKS FOR MEETING ME. I'VE BEEN TALKING WITH MY TEAM...ABOUT YOU AND THE... SITUATION.

YOU SAVED THE PRESIDENT AND COUNTLESS LIVES IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHEN YOU TOOK OUT DOOM'S ROBOT.

WE'RE OBVIOUSLY GRATEFUL FOR THAT, BUT ALSO...

...YOU'RE **RIGHT** ABOUT LATVERIA. IT'S UNSTABLE. AND WE HAVE CONCRETE REASONS NOW TO BELIEVE THAT DOOM HAS **WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION** STILL HIDDEN IN DOOMSTADT.

SO, GIVEN YOUR... RECENT **EXPERIENCE** THERE...

...WE'D LIKE TO BRING YOU IN ON THIS. AS A CONSULTANT ON THE REGION.

JUST TO BE CLEAR, THIS ISN'T AN ORDER, IT'S A REQUEST.

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY, GENERAL?

I SAY...

...GOD BLESS AMERICA.

--STILL THINK YOU'RE CRAZY FOR GIVING AWAY DOOM'S FORTUNE...

...BUT, MAN OH MAN, I'M HAPPY YOU KEPT HIS ISLAND...

I DO IT ALL FOR YOU, LITTLE BROTHER...

...AND YOUR PURSUIT OF ***RELAXATION.***

WELL, IT'S ***MUCH*** APPRECIATED.

I'M GOING TO GO CHECK OUT MY PROPERTY LIKE A PROPER LAND BARON.

MASTER RI--

I TOLD YOU, VAL IS FINE.

WE WELCOME YOUR VISIT, ***VAL.*** THE ISLAND IS OPERATING WELL. MOST OF THE POPULATION HAS DECIDED TO STAY, POST-TRANSFER.

THAT'S GOOD. DOOM KEPT THIS PLACE OFF THE BOOKS, A PRIVATE ISLAND WITH A POPULATION.

I GUESS AT SOME POINT, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO EITHER LET LATVERIA ANNEX IT OR LET THE PEOPLE HERE CREATE A NEW COUNTRY.

AND MY LITTLE PROJECT?

FULLY OPERATIONAL, VAL.

GOOD.

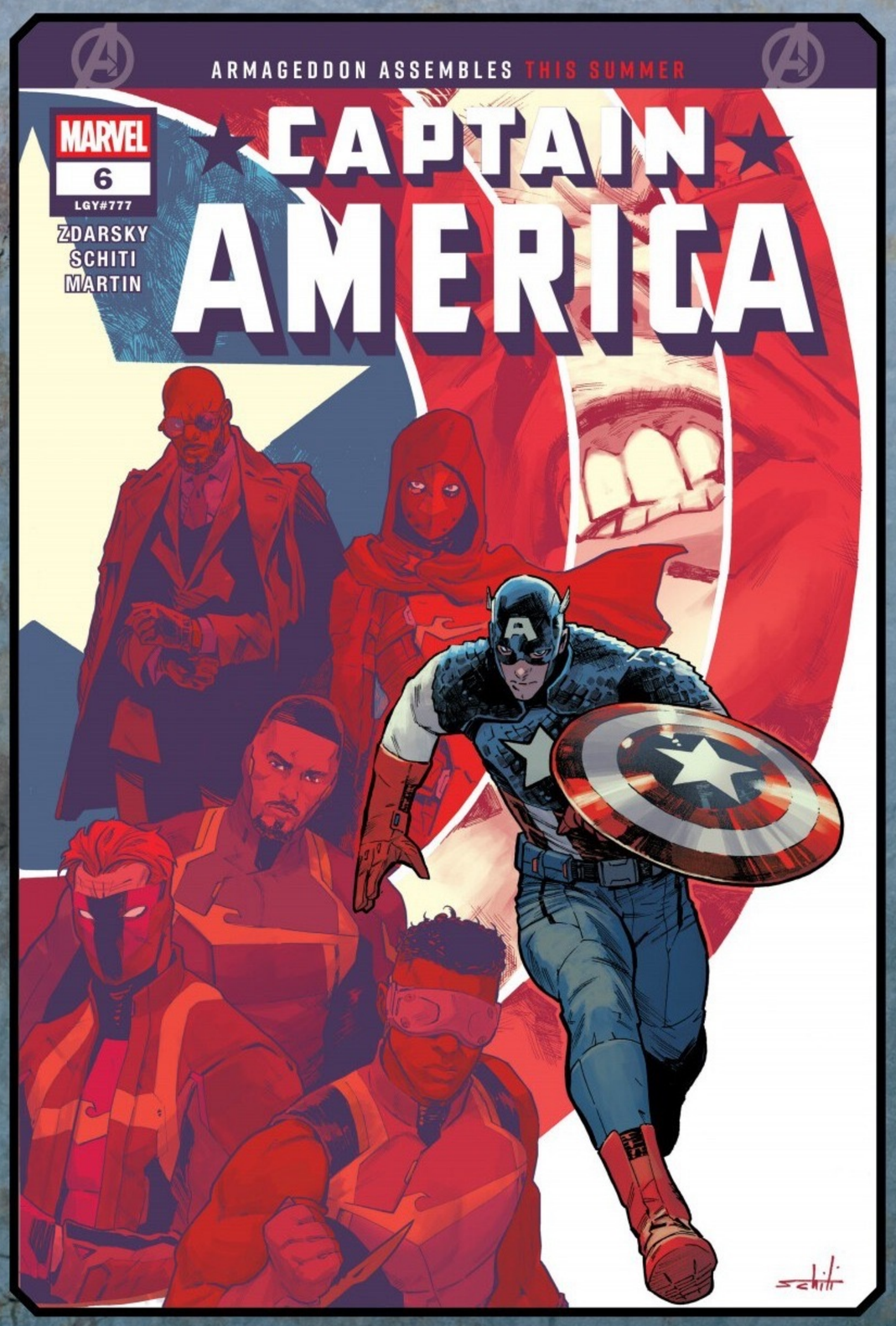
YOU NEVER KNOW...

...WHEN YOU'LL NEED A LITTLE BACKUP.

The road to ARMAGEDDON is relentless...

ON SALE NOW

ON SALE JANUARY



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